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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 14005

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON TEACHERS STRIKE IN PHNOM PENH

1. DESPITE ITS CURRENT LAME DUCK STATUS, THE GOVERNMENT DURING THE PAST 24-HOURS HAS TAKEN SEVERAL STEPS TO EASE STUDENT/TEACHER UNREST. PHNOM PENH RADIO, ON THE EVENING OF DECMEBER 14, BROADCAST A COMMUNIQUE FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCING THAT THE TEACHERS' COMPLAINTS HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE HIGHEST AUTHORITIES FOR CONSIDERATION AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO GRANT A "LARGE SALARY INCREASE" TO TEACHERS. THE RADIO ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT LON NOL HAS ORDERED THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES TO STUDY COMPLAINTS WHICH WERE SUBMITTED TO HIM IN A RESOLUTION BY TEACHERS OF BATTAMBANG PROVINCE AND THAT THE PRESIDENT IS WILLING TO MEET WITH ANY GROUP OF TEACHERS WHICH DESIRES TO SEE HIM. TEACHERS AT ONE OF THE MORE ACTIVIST SCHOOLS, THE LYCEE 18 MARCH, MET THIS MORNINGAND AGREED TO SEND A DELEGATION TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT LATER TODAY.

2. EARLY THIS MORNING THE RADIO BROADCAST AN ADDITIONAL
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BULLETIN ANNOUNCING THAT THE CABINET HAS ORDERED AN INVES-

TIGATION INTO THE REASONS FOR THE SHORTAGE OF NOTEBOOKS, A
MAJOR CAUSE OF STUDENT DISCONTENT..

3. TEACHERS AT ALL BUT TWO OF PHNOM PENH'S LYCEES CONTINUE
TO STRIKE AND BANNERS PROTESTING THE SHORTAGE OF NOTEBOOKS,
APPEARED IN FRONT OF TWO LYCEES ON DECEMBER 14. THE ATMOS-
PHERE, HOWEVER, REMAINS CALM AND THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS
AT PRESENT OF AN INTENTION TO ESCALATE THE LEVEL OF ACTIVITIES.
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